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Soviet Union won't aid Egypt if Sadat plunges into war against Israel

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

If Egypt wants to "liberate" Sinai, she will have to go it alone, the Russians are reported to have told President Sadat, according to the JCNS Middle East Affairs correspondent.

The Egyptian chiefs of staff know only too well that without the Soviet Union's active help on the battlefield, Egypt does not stand a chance against the Israelis, the correspondent says in his dispatch.

If this is the case, it seems unlikely that Egypt will try to recapture Sinai for many years to come, or at least while Sadat is alive. Not that the situation will change if he dies. His successor is bound also to have a very keen instinct of survival.

The present state of no-peace and no-war is said to suit the Egyptian president because of internal rivalry. The Russians will defend Egypt if Israeli forces cross the Suez Canal or Israeli aircraft bomb Egyptian cities. But the Soviet Union will not give military aid to an Egyptian offensive.

Sadat is reported to have told his generals that he cannot give his approval to the launching of an offensive against Israel because of Russia's warning that there will be no military help forthcoming from that quarter.

Any move on the part of dissident Egyptian generals to oust Sadat is doomed to failure because the armed forces are on maximum alert which means that no troops or armor can be moved to Cairo.

Although Israeli experts still believe that Egypt's new government is not a "war cabinet" there are some fears that as a result of the demonstrations by university students, President Sadat may be forced to adopt a more militant stand than is his intention at the moment.

Sadat announced that he had ordered the Egyptian economy to be "transformed into a war economy," since the battle "is with the United States and Israel." He said that "new dimensions" had been introduced "in the situation by the entry of America with all her weight in favor of Israel" and that the necessary measures would have to be taken in every sphere of activity to prepare Egypt for the coming battle.

President Sadat warned Egyptian students not to try and put any pressure on the government "at a time when we are confronted with a challenge from a super-power" (the U.S.). Students at Cairo University had passed a resolution stating that war was the only solution to the Middle East crisis.

For all the aid supplied by the Soviet Union in the "confrontation" situation there has been no less strain on Egypt than on Israel. Cairo is keeping more than 500,000 men constantly under arms and has to maintain the hundreds of thousands of people who fled from the towns along the Suez Canal during the late President Nasser's war of attrition.

The appointment of Dr. Aziz Sidky as Egyptian Prime Minister in the place of Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi is not really the most significant aspect of the cabinet changes, writes the JCNS correspondent for Middle East Affairs. What is really important is the replacement of Mahmoud Riad as Foreign Minister by Murad Ghaleb, the former Egyptian ambassador in Moscow.

The new premier has no great political standing in Egypt and is in fact a political nonenity. Riad, however, has been better known as a hard-liner opposed to a settlement with Israel. Ghaleb, on the other hand, is generally believed to be in favor of a settlement with Israel. Sadat is apparently anxious to resume talks for settlement. The new government's emphasis will be on internal development, in which Sidky and Ghaleb are interested.

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North York language courses

Major breakthrough for Hebrew

Five North York high schools will start a Hebrew course next September, a development hailed by Dr. Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, as "a major breakthrough".

The five schools are Bathurst Heights, Newtonbrook, William Lyon Mackenzie, Sir Sanford Fleming and Northview. At present, the languages offered in Ontario have been limited to English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Latin and classical Greek.

Discussions have also been held with A.L. Milloy, superintendent of secondary schools for the Toronto School Board, concerning the introduction of Hebrew in Forest Hill Collegiate. Unofficial reports indicate that students have shown sufficient interest to warrant two classes starting next September.

"These courses in Hebrew will enable many youngsters with a weak background in Hebrew, or no background at all, to gain an introduction to the language of Israel," Rabbi Witty said. "Moreover, the many young people who fail to continue Hebrew or Jewish studies beyond Bar Mitzvah will now have a means of doing so."

The courses will begin in Grade 11 and continue eventually to Grade 13. A minimum enrollment of 25-30 students in any given school will be required before a class is opened. The new course may be chosen as an alternative credit to an existing language option, or in addition to another language which the student is studying.

Rabbi Irwin Witty

Rabbi Witty said approval of the new courses grew out of a recently issued memorandum by the Ontario Department of Education permitting school boards to introduce "locally developed courses in languages." The department has stipulated that teachers must hold basic Ontario certification and must have a fluency in the language being taught similar to that of a native speaker.

Efforts had been made for many years by Dr. Joseph Diamond, former director of the Bureau of Jewish Education, to have Hebrew introduced into Ontario high schools. This effort was supported by the education and culture committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Rabbi Witty said that out of a potential high school population of 15,000 or more Jewish youths, no more than 1,500 to 2,000 are involved in any formal Hebrew instructional program.

"I firmly believe that these courses may serve as a stimulus to renewed interest in more intensive Jewish studies on the part of many teenagers," the executive director said.

Bourassa urged by Congress to enact human rights code

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL –

Representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress's eastern region urged Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa to legislate a human rights code, modeled after Ontario's to replace present statutes which are "fragmentary, incomplete, and lacking in clarity" during a meeting held in Quebec City last week.

The committee, headed by Murray Speigel, chairman of the Congress's eastern region, asked the provincial leader to set up a human rights commission to assist victims of discrimination by using conciliatory and enforcement procedures.

The meeting was the second of its kind in two years - arranged as a special dialogue between Jewish community leaders and the Quebec prime minister.

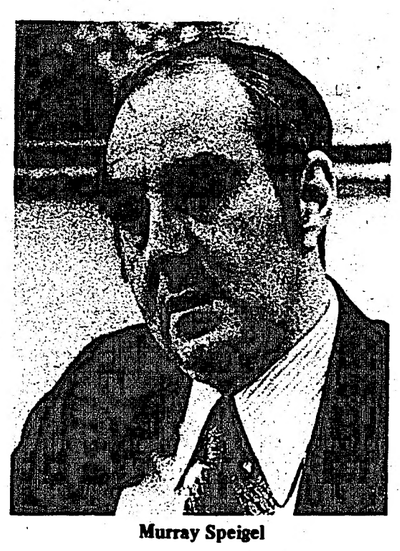
"History has taught us," said the brief submitted to the premier, "that injustice starts where quality of citizenship ends, where differentiations are made between different classes of people and where quota systems are introduced."

The brief objected to the withdrawal of education Bill 28 from the National Assembly, and deplored reports that suggest new measures will be introduced into the Bill to limit English language instruction to children from families whose mother tongue is English - resident or immigrant.

The delegation, accompanied by Cabinet Minister Victor Goldbloom, also objected to the use of the quota system on the number of Jews permitted to sit on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, calling the law "an anachronism, and patently inequitable".

"We took strong exception to any law that is based on a quota system, for it is a typical example of a statute that leads to injustices," said Speigel.

While continuing to ensure the development of the French culture in the province, the delegation urged the Quebec leader to safeguard cultural pluralism for minorities.



Murray Speigel

During the implementation in the near future of Social Services Bill 65, the representatives asked Bourassa to recognize the "volunteerism" aspects of community institutions, as the Jewish community has "special customs and traditions which play an important role in Jewish family life."

A recent amendment to the civil code allowing transplants to be performed without the consent of near relatives, received particular attention in the brief.

The delegation urged the repeal of the amendment, stating that it is open to abuses, and contravenes Jewish law which only accepts "heart death" as legal, and not "brain death".

The delegation to Quebec also included Joel Pinsky, chairman of the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith; Joseph Niss, chairman of the French section of Congress; Dr. Samuel Lewin, executive director of the Congress's eastern region, and Meyer Levy, secretary of le Circle Juif de Langue Francais.

Will withdraw from Suez: Barlev

WASHINGTON

Lt. Gen. Chaim Barlev, former Chief of Staff of Israel's armed forces, said here that Israel is prepared to pull back from the Suez Canal in the interests of an interim accord with Egypt but has not yet decided how far back it is prepared to go. "Israel has stated very clearly that we do not regard the Suez as a final border," Barlev said in response to questions by reporters at a press conference.

"We know that sooner or later we will have to withdraw. Exactly to what extent has not only not been disclosed but has not been decided among us because the situation has not reached the point where a decision needed to be made," he said.

Barlev, who retired from the army last month and is slated to enter the cabinet as minister of commerce and industry later this year, is on a three-week tour of the U.S. during which he will appear at fund-raising functions of the United Jewish Appeal. He made it clear to newsmen that his present capacity was that of a private citizen. He described the Suez Canal as a "strategic and a bargaining element" and stressed that Israel will keep its forces on the east bank "until there is a proper return."

Barlev said he meant by "proper return" that Israel would pull back when the war is over and that the pullback will be "an independent step, not a phase of the so-called total withdrawal." Another factor, he said, was that any agreement with Egypt must preclude elements that would put Israel in an impossible military position. Asked if Israeli forces would withdraw beyond the Mitla Pass, a point about 20 miles east of the Suez Canal, Barlev replied, "I don't think so."

He expressed optimism over the prospects of peace during the current year. The most important change that has taken place, Barlev said, was the realization by Egypt and the Soviet Union that "they are not capable of moving us." Another important factor is that the cease-fire continues, he said. He praised the United States for having "fully kept every commitment" with respect to the supply of arms to Israel. "There has not been one item promised that has not been carried out," Barlev stated.

Aswan base being built, sources say

LONDON (JTA) –

East European sources described as very reliable have confirmed reports that the Soviet Union is building a military airbase near the Aswan High Dam in Egypt for the exclusive use of the Soviet Air Force.

According to the sources, an agreement for construction of the base was signed by President Anwar Sadat when he visited Moscow last October and construction is proceeding very rapidly. The base is expected to be fully operational by next May, coincidental with President Nixon's summit visit to Moscow. It will be manned entirely by Russian personnel.

The immediate purpose of the airbase, according to informed sources, is to deter an Israeli retaliatory strike against the dam in case of renewed hostilities in the Middle East. The dam was designed, built and financed by the Soviet Union after the U.S. withdrew from a similar project in the 1950s, and is regarded as the single most important project that opened the door to Soviet influence in Egypt.

Israeli Phantom jets have the range to reach the dam and Israel is believed to have developed weapons capable of breaching it. Destruction of the dam, if permitted by the Russians, would subject Egypt to disastrous floods and constitute a major blow to Soviet prestige. The Israelis are not considered likely to attack the dam unless provoked by Egyptian attacks on Israeli civilian centers.

Youth aroused

Congress pace protested

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

The younger delegates at the 28th Zionist Congress have been protesting strongly at the lethargic pace of many of the sessions. Criticism has come particularly from left-wing American and Israeli groups who have complained at the old fashioned methods of conducting business and, in some instances, have even won support from their elders for cutting through red tape and getting down to practicialities.

Apart from the usual internal machinations as well as party and personality clashes, the main issues clearly emerged as the future of Soviet Jewry, Latin American Jewry and Jewish education in the Diaspora.

In committee and public debate the controversy sparked off by Dr. Nahum Goldmann was clearly reflected in speeches by many of the participatns. It was pointed out that Dr. Goldmann's ideas reflected the official Zionist stance which proclaims the strengthening of Jewish life wherever communities exist. The "official" viewpoint remained that emigration must be the keynote of Jewish activity on behalf of Soviet Jewry.

A sharp debate developed between members of the executive and representatives of Latin American Jewry over the real position of Jewry in South America. Members of the executive argued that there was no doubt that an emergency situation existed and it was the responsibility of local leadership to inspire and direct emigration.

For Europeans and Americans the heart of the Jewish problem remained that of education and with new emphasis on adult education seen as the only way of combatting assimilation and intermarriage, which are regarded as the twin dangers endangering Jewish existence.

One speaker, Chaim Finkelstein, head of the Education Department, said Jewry had lost more people through assimilation than through all the wars in history, and the holocaust. Recent surveys showed that but for assimilation world Jewry would have numbered between 100-150 million persons instead of 13 million.

What seemed new at Congress was the emphasis upon strengthening the traditional element in Jewish education (a euphemism for more religious content). But there was also a plea from Moshe Krone, head of the Torah Education Department, for more Zionism in some religious teaching. He attacked the extreme anti-Zionist atmosphere existing in some yeshivot.

Ralph Hyman CJN's editor

Ralph Hyman, one of Canada's most highly respected newsmen, has been appointed editor of **The Canadian Jewish News**, CJN Managing Editor Sol I. Littman announced.

Mr. Hyman recently retired from **The Globe and Mail** where he was known as "the dean of reporters."

A native of Scotland, Mr. Hyman came to Toronto in 1926 after newspaper experience in California. In Toronto, he has worked for **The Toronto Daily Star** and **The Mail and Empire** which later became part of **The Globe and Mail.**

Regarding the appointment, Mr. Littman said:

"**The CJN** is fortunate to obtain the services of one of Canada's senior newsmen - a man deeply respected by his fellow professionals and who has for many years served informally as consultant to many of our major Jewish organizations."

A heavy snowstorm which tied up traffic failed to discourage these United Jewish Appeal–Israel Special Fund campaign leaders from attending a meeting. Pushing their car out of the parking lot are (left to right) Sid Starkman, chairman of synagogues and organizations division; Izy Stern, chairman of synagogues; Gordon Mendly, chairman of organizations.

Israel may buy goods from Ontario

Israel is interested in buying pre-fabricated housing, navigational aids and other capital goods from Ontario manufacturers under the federal government's $100 million long-term credit to Israel.

Uri Ben Ephraim, deputy director general of the Ministry of Transport, was in Toronto last week to speak to provincial government officials and businessmen with a view to placing orders which he estimated will total about $20 million.

"I am optimistic that we will be able to get what we want at a reasonable price," Ephraim told **The Canadian Jewish News.** "We need pre-fabricated materials and other goods, including navigational equipment for Lod Airport."

The deputy director general met with Allan Grossman, Ontario minister of trade and development, who is taking a leading role in efforts to bring about increased trade between Israel and Ontario. Mr. Grossman is no stranger to Israel and is familiar with that country's trade problems.

"We are establishing a strong relationship with Israel," the minister told **The CJN.** "We are very interested in widening our economic ties and some of our officials visited Israel recently to see for themselves what their needs are."

The minister said his department would render every assistance to the deputy director general to make his purchasing mission a success. A three week study of the most economical method of obtaining goods will be made.

"Mr. Ephraim is interested in pre-fabricated materials to house the heavy influx of immigrants coming into Israel," Grossman said. "He is also looking into the matter of pre-fabrication of freight terminals."

Grossman said he expected orders from Israel would be received by Ontario manufacturers within a matter of weeks. This would help to boost employment in the province, he said.

Organizations and People

"Hippie" rabbi pleas for tolerance of youth

By LARRY ANKLEWICZ

Rabbi Philip E. Schechter, the New York rabbi who created a stir last year as a result of his long hair and outspoken views, made a plea for tolerance during a guest sermon at the Adath Israel Synagogue last Friday night.

Speaking at the start of Adath Israel's weekend celebration of Jewish Music Month, Rabbi Schechter told the congregation that more Jewish young people are following the various gurus and mystic leaders from the Far East than belonged to such organizations as the United Synagogue Youth.

These young people, Rabbi Schechter said, are trying to find themselves and are trying to find some meaning to their lives. They strayed from Judaism because most Jews have spent their energy and money in support of Israel and Soviet Jewry. According to Rabbi Schechter, these young people cannot associate with these distant causes or historical concepts. They are interested only in the "here and now".

His long hair falling around his shoulders, Rabbi Schechter called for greater understanding of the young and said that they must be allowed to explore and find meaning to their lives in their own way.

As an example, Rabbi Schechter told of an unstructured Synagogue in Philadelphia where the members rejected organized religion and take it upon themselves to instruct their own children regarding Judaism. They even went so far as to bake their own matzahs for Passover.

Just as these people seek their own way to find spiritual significance, so do many young people seek meaning in contemporary music, Rabbi Schechter said. In the past, Rabbi Schechter reminded the congregation Jews used many sources for their liturgical music and "we must not condemn today's young people who wish to employ modern music for the same purpose."

At one time, Rabbi Schechter said, Hebrew prayers were set to operatic music, and at other times, the Jews of central and eastern Europe set such prayers as **Adon Olam** and **Ein Keloheinu** to the music of tavern songs.

Much of the rock and folk music of today, Rabbi Schechter continued, is spiritual in content, once one gets past the noise and listens to the lyrics. Many Jewish composers, Rabbi Schechter said, such as Bob Dylan and Simon and Garfunkel, are leaders in this movement.

Adath Israel's Jewish Music Month program continued the following evening with a concert featuring the Travellers, Cantor Sheldon Merel and the Holy Blossom Youth Choir, and the Yemenite Trio, featuring Sara Aviani.

The Holy Blossom Choir began the concert with a new version of the Havdalah service, aided by members of the Adath Israel youth department, who marched down the centre aisle of the sanctuary carrying lighted candles.

The Travellers then took over and presented a half hour of light and well-polished entertainment. Their program consisted of a mixture of folk and pop songs as well as several selections in Yiddish and Hebrew.

The Holy Blossom Choir, led by Cantor Sheldon Merel, then returned with selections from their folk-rock service. Cantor Merel was in good voice and the choir performed well, despite a tendency to go off-key at times, although this is excusable with a group of amateur singers. Individually, the choir proved to have some excellent voices and their rendition of Jacques Brel's **If I Only Had Love** was well received. The choir ended their portion of the concert with their version of **V'Simchu**, one of the best selections of the evening, it featured the exciting work of soloist Monica Goldberg.

The highlight of the evening proved to be the Yemenite Trio. The group went through a program of songs and light patter, some of which revolved around the group's featured performer, Sara Aviani, and her lack of knowledge of Yiddish, while her husband, accordianist Shlomo Rabinowitz, interjected with numerous Yiddish comments.

The group did several Israeli songs, as well as songs in Yiddish and English.

The show was well done except for several technical snags which were not the fault of the performers. Miss Aviani's microphone tended to distort her voice somewhat and the people responsible for lighting were slow in picking up Miss Aviani's cues.

More than 1,000 persons turned up last Sunday to take a blood test at the first Tay-Sachs clinic sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women. The disease, which mainly affects Ashkenazi Jews from Eastern Europe, kills babies before the age of five. People who took the tests will be notified of the results by mail. The clinic was staffed by volunteer doctors from the Hospital for Sick Children led by Dr. J. A. Lowden. Top is an overall scene at the clinic at B'nai B'rith House. Bottom, Mrs. Michael Feldman, with 4 month old Leslie bringing up the rear, gets ready to give blood. *Photos by Gadi Hoz*

Blonde to be 1st woman rabbi

A brown-eyed, mini-skirted blonde will be the first woman rabbi in the U.S.

Sally Priesand, a 25 year old native of Cleveland, Ohio, will be formally ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinatti next June.

This is no spur of the moment decision for "Rabbi Sally". She has wanted to be a rabbi since she was 16 and has been studying at HUC for the past eight years. She feels that the rabbinate is the best way of living up to her convictions - faith in Judaism as a way of life and the belief that Judaism is worth preserving.

At present she is a rabbinic intern at Isaac M. Wise Temple of Cleveland, and has already served four congregations.

As for male prejudice, Miss Priesand says that she has found men, including her co-students at HUC, much more receptive to the idea of a woman rabbi than women. So far the only complaints have been about her long hair and her short skirts. To which she replies, "If that is all that bothers them then I must be doing okay."

Nazi fighter will be honored

A Christian who helped Jews escape death at the hands of the Nazis is to be honored at a Holy Blossom Temple ceremony next Friday evening, Feb. 11.

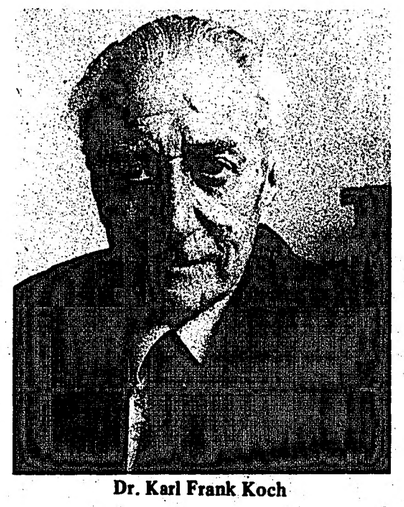
He is Dr. Karl Frank Koch, 82, described by Rabbi Gunther Plaut as "one of the righteous men who aided the hunted prey of the Nazis." Dr. Koch, now a Toronto resident, will receive an award from the State of Israel on behalf of worldwide Jewry.

Dr. Koch was born in 1890 at Bruenn, Moravia, then part of the Austrian-Hungarian empire and later incorporated into Czechoslovakia. He first studied architecture and then medicine in Prague and Vienna. He obtained his medical degeee in the First World War, specializing in surgery, and was appointed professor of surgery in 1926 at the University of Bratislava.

His opposition to the Nazi takeover of his country in 1938-39 led to his arrest by the Gestapo and he was jailed in Bruenn and Vienna. After his release, he established underground contact with Moscow and London.

"I only did what I felt was my human duty," Dr. Koch says. This human duty involved providing medical help, material assistance and a place to hide for Jews. When the Gestapo got wind of this, Dr. Koch hid out in the forests of Slovakia with three Jewish families.

After the Second World War, Dr. Koch again ran afoul of officialdom when he protested



Dr. Karl Frank Koch

Russia's control of Czechoslovakia and the injustices perpetrated by the Soviets. He was arrested and spent the next 13 years in prison. During the that under the Dubcek regime, he was released only to have to flee the country following the Russian invasion of 1968.

"He has now found asylum and we hope, lasting peace, in Canada," Rabbi Plaut said.

Archbishop won't visit Jerusalem

LONDON (JCNS) -

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Michael Ramsay, has told the Israeli Ambassador in London, Michael Comay, that he will not be able "in the near future" to visit Jerusalem (which he last visited in 1966), as suggested by Comay.

The ambassador proposed the visit last month after Dr. Ramsay had publicly expressed distress that Jerusalem's building program was disfiguring the historic beauty of the sacred city. He described the housing development as suggesting an insensitive attempt to proclaim as Israeli, a city which could never be other than the city of three great religions and their people.

In a letter to the archbishop, Comay pointed out that it was the duty of the Israeli authorities to provide housing and other amenities for all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and that its historic association had to be reconciled with its contemporary needs.

The ambassador stressed that only since June, 1967, had there been free access for all faiths to their shrines in the Holy City and full cooperation between the authorities and the religious communities.

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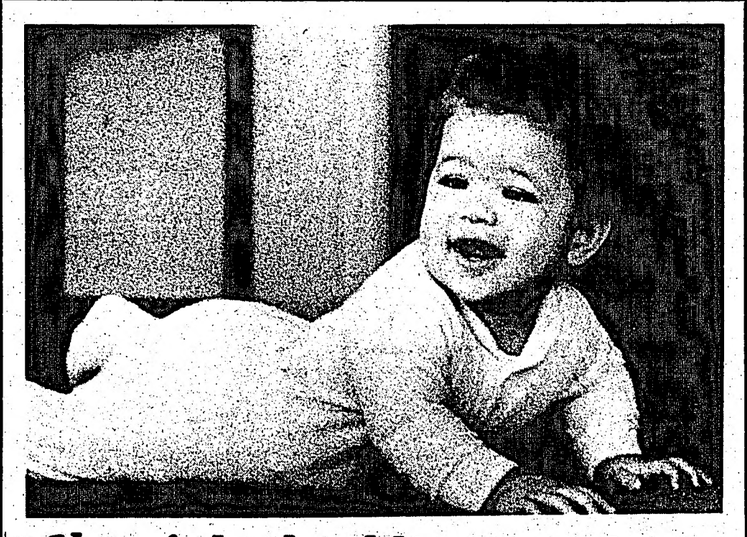

Cheerful, chuckling Sandy talks a lot and loves music

today's child

The Canadian Jewish News will regularly run Helen Allen's Today's Child column. These children are available for adoption by Jewish parents.

By HELEN ALLEN

This alert baby is Sandy, nine months old. She is Black and White in descent, a pretty child with blue-grey eyes, soft curly brown hair and light tan skin.

Young as she is, Sandy is a very lively baby and though she isn't crawling yet, she gets across the floor as fast as anybody. She has achieved a kind of swimming motion, pulling with her hands and digging her toes in to push herself along. She loves children and delights in playing on the floor with them. She is also devoted to a big, friendly dog, big enough to scare some little ones, but she shows not the slightest fear of him.

This infant has two eye problems - she has cataracts in both eyes, and also the eyes are inclined to turn in towards her nose. The turning is being corrected by an eye patch, which is worn two days on one eye alternating with one day on the other. The cataracts can be surgically corrected later but doctors haven't set a time for this procedure yet.

Meantime, she is a cheerful, chuckling, chatty child who talks a lot and has a few recognizable words. She loves music and stops whatever she is doing when she hears it. Her health is good except for minor sniffles when she is getting teeth - she now has four with two coming. Her sight appears to be adequate for anything she wants to do and she has no difficulty in recognizing friends and strangers.

This baby needs parents who will appreciate a lovable little girl and will not worry unduly over her eyes. To inquire about adopting Sandy, please write to **Today's Child, Box 888, Station K, Toronto.**

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The UJA campaign is on

Need is stressed to help Israel absorb Soviet Jews as Toronto drive for $10,200,000 swings into action

All divisions of the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign have swung into action and the initial response augurs well for success, reports Phil Granovsky, campaign chairman.

Mr. Granovsky said approval of the $10,200,000 goal by UJA leadership at the recent Canadian Leadership Seminar, signalled the beginning of the 1972 drive. Card distribution to canvassers has been completed and actual canvassing has produced encouraging results.

It is obvious, said Mr. Granovsky, that the Jewish community of Metropolitan Toronto has recognized the need to help Israel absorb the thousands of Jews who are pouring into there almost daily from the Soviet Union. "We rallied nobly to the cause to demand that Soviet Russia let her Jews go," said Mr. Granovsky. "Now, that Russia is actually letting some of them go, it is our sacred responsibility to make certain they are absorbed successfully into the social and economic life of Israel."

Mr. Granovsky pointed out that Israel's finance minister, Pinhas Sapir, has announced it will cost an extra $200,000,000 to finance the anticipated increase in immigration in 1972 and that half will have to come from overseas Jewry and the balance raised in Israel. "There is no doubt," said Mr. Granovsky, "that the Jews of Toronto will accept this challenge and will do everything in their power to provide the funds needed."

Mr. Granovsky said it is each individual's "personal, non-transferable responsibility" to determine the extent of his contribution to the UJA-ISF.

Members of 1972 Toronto study mission to Israel are seen here as they received final briefing prior to departure on Jan. 24. In the mission are: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Granovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Otis, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Perlmutter, Dr. and Mrs. Sam Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Soupcoff, Mr. and Mrs. Lou Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sklar and Dave Marks.

Toronto study mission in Israel meets with Golda Meir, Elazar

Meetings with Prime Minister Golda Meir and with the new chief of staff of Israel's defence forces, Gen. David Elazar, are two of the many highlights of a 1972 Toronto study mission to Israel. The visit with Mrs. Meir took place last Saturday.

UJA-ISF campaign chairman Phil Granovsky heads up the mission of Metro Toronto area residents who are currently in Israel studying three major topics: integration of Soviet Jews who have just arrived in Israel; poverty conditions, and defence.

The mission left for Israel on Jan. 24 and returns Feb. 7. Mission members will report their findings at a number of meetings scheduled over the next few weeks.

The meeting with Gen. Elazar marked the official opening of the mission's program. The general was guest of honor and speaker at a dinner held at the Tel Aviv Soldiers' Home.

The mission inspected an air force base, a naval base, an ordnance corps base, the Bar-Lev line on the Suez Canal, the Golan Heights, and military emplacements along the frontier with Jordan as part of the defence briefing.

To get first hand information on Israel's social and economic problems, the mission members are visiting socially troubled and underprivileged areas and urban rehabilitation programs in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and will be briefed on the situation by Gen. Nehemia Kain, economic advisor to the chief of staff; Dr. Eliezer Yaffe, director of Jerusalem's Family and Community Services; A.L. Pincus, chairman of the executive of the Jewish Agency.

In Haifa, the mission will study reception and first integration procedures for immigrants, and will be briefed by Zvi Garcy of the Jewish Agency's immigration department. The mission will also inspect immigrants' housing units built by the UIA of Canada and an integration centre sponsored by UIA of Canada, with a briefing by S.D. Granek, director-general of UIA of Canada in Israel.

A pilgrimage to the Western Wall, a survey of the crossing point of Allenby Bridge into Jordan, visits to Jericho and Massada and to kibbutzim near Syria and Lebanon are some of the other features of the visit.

Trades and Professions groups will play vital role in campaign

WALTER BICK

JAMES F. KAY

L.J.E. MOSES

DR. A. REINSTEIN

DAVE ROBBINS

BEN SAMUELS

Heading the Jewelers group are Victor Guth, left, and Joe Eisen.

Co-chairmen of the Men's Apparel group: Hy Balsky, left, and Jerry Shaprio.

Almost every morning, noon and night - in a home, an office, a showroom or in a club - a meeting is being held at which the topic of discussion is the 1972 UJA-ISF campaign.

These are the meetings of the various trades and professions groups - some 25 of them, which make up the Trades & Professions Council. Because the UJA-ISF campaign is industry-oriented, the Trades & Professions division is generally regarded as the most effective way of reaching a large cross-section of the community.

Willie Rosengarten and **David Goldberg** are co-chairmen of the Trades & Professions Council and their campaign organization is set up, appropriately enough, along the lines of a corporate structure.

There are six associate chairmen, each responsible for a number of related industry or professional groups.

* **Walter Bick** is an associate chairman heading up the food and services section which comprises hotels and restaurants, food - wholesale and retail, cleaners, paper and printing, films and entertainment.

* **James F. Kay** is associate chairman responsible for the apparel section which includes men's clothing, women's clothing, furriers, garment salesmen, knitters and footwear.

* The commercial professions associate chairman is **Lewis J.E. Moses** whose section comprises insurance, brokers, accountants and barristers.

* **Dr. Albert Reinstein** is associate chairman responsible for the medical professions: physicians, dentists, optometrists and pharmacists.

* The construction field is headed up by associate chairman **Dave Robbins**. In his section are builders, suppliers, real estate, electrical and heavy industry groups.

* **Ben Samuels** is associate chairman of general mercantile which includes jewelers, automotive, furniture, hardware - housewares - toys.

* The Young Men's Division draws cards from each of the Trades & Professions groups.

Each group in Trades & Professions is headed up by two or three co-chairmen.

Synagogues, organizations will canvass 10,000 cards

A total of 62 of Metro Toronto's Jewish organizations and 30 synagogues will participate in the 1972 UJA-ISF campaign, according to Sid Starkman, chairman of the UJA's synagogues and organizations division.

In addition, this division covers the Metropolitan group - which takes in all unaffiliated members of the community, and the Mercantile group which includes the smaller retail stores and service businesses which are not part of the Trades & Professions Council.

In all, canvassers from this division will cover some 10,000 cards. This is about five times as many cards canvassed when the division was organized in 1968. Contributions have gone up proportionately.

The synagogues are organized into a Synagogue Council, with Izy Stern as chairman. Gordon Mendly is chairman of Societies, Organizations and Landsmanshaften.

The three-man team - Starkman, Mendly and Stern - head up an active and powerful canvassing force which plays a vitally important role in the campaign. All three are seasoned veterans of past UJA campaigns.

A major effort to reach the unaffiliated members of the community is conducted by the B'nai B'rith in a massive phone-a-thon, under chairmanship of Morris Flicht, working with the UJA-ISF chairman of the BB's Toronto Regional Council, Max Aiken. About 3,000 calls will be made.

The phone-a-thon will take place on three evenings, Feb. 15, Feb. 21 and March 1. Mr. Flicht will recruit his canvassers from the various B'nai B'rith lodges. "I know," he said, "that our lodges will provide us with a full complement of volunteers to man the phones."

Sid Starkman points out that in 1971 more than 80% of all major Jewish organizations participated and 90% of the synagogues. "This year," he declared, "we're hoping for 100% participation."

Here are the synagogues which are actively participating in the 1972 campaign and the names of their UJA-ISF chairmen and co-chairmen:

Adath Israel, Ben Marks; Adath Sholom, Irving Roth; Beth Am, Harry Berns; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Max Guttman and Ralph Snow; Beth Hazicharon, Armin Weiss; Beth Jacob, Sam Faivish; Beth Sholom, Harry Barkin, Jack Barkin, Lou Gula, Alex Serota; Beth Tikvah, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Poz-

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UJA Synagogue Fortnight set for Feb. 17 to March 4

Annual UJA-ISF Synagogue Fortnight will be observed by Metro Toronto's synagogues between Feb. 17 and March 4, announces Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, rabbinical chairman of the Synagogue Council.

During this period, rabbis will emphasize in their sermons the need for support of the 1972 campaign.

In a letter to the community, Rabbi Pearlson says:

"The tradition tells us that there are those among the living who can be written off as dead.

"We Jews know how to fan dying embers into healthy and warm flames.

"Some would write off our young people as lost - Jewish education and projects devoted to Jewish identity can prove them wrong.

"There are those who, a decade ago, would have abandoned all hope for Soviet Jewry. Today's news and our efforts reveal their error.

"The Israelis anticipate a return of hostilities through terror tactics as part of a strangulative attempt to drain their hard-pressed foreign exchange resources. We can pump the life blood back into their economy."

Because the need is so desperately urgent, more Jews must contribute more, the rabbi declares. "There is no question as to the priorities during the coming months. We must all GIVE TO LIVE."

DEPEND ON UJA

Nearly 50% of 134,000 secondary school children in Israel depend on UJA-ISF support funds for full scholarships; 46% more get partial allowance.

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Paul and Shoshana Beer to visit here on behalf of 1972 UJA campaign

The Beers are coming to Toronto.

Paul and Shoshana Beer, who have welcomed hundreds, perhaps thousands of Torontonians to Israel, will themselves be welcomed by their many friends in Toronto when they arrive here on a two-week visit commencing Feb. 7 on behalf of the 1972 campaign.

Paul Beer is director of the guest department of Keren Hayesod and in this capacity has had contact with the many Toronto people who have gone to Israel under UJA auspices.

He and his wife will join Toronto's 1972 study mission on its return trip. They will be speaking at a number of fund raising events here.

Paul Beer has been arranging the itineraries of UJA missions from Toronto ever since they started in 1957. He has also lined up arrangements for untold hundreds of others from Toronto who have gone to Israel in connection with Keren Hayesod activities.

Mr. Beer not only makes arrangements but actually participates in the activities of the missions and often accompanies them on the trip through Israel. He has become a close friend of many of the Toronto people he has assisted and carries on an extensive correspondence with them.

Proof of his popularity is that when word got around that he and his wife are coming here on behalf of the campaign, almost everybody who knows them wanted to "do something" for the Beers.

A full schedule of parlor meetings is being lined up for his visit. Among those who will hold meetings are: Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Schipper, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gwartz, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Granovsky, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Silver, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tanenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rosenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Shenkman, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. Murray Koffler.

All members of past missions will be invited to meet the Beers during their visit here.

Representatives of 60 of Metro Toronto's Jewish organizations are seen here as they met to launch their division's 1972 UJA–ISF campaign. More than 10,000 cards are covered by organizations and synagogues.

Women's Division UJA Day set for Thursday, February 17

Associate chairmen meet

Associate chairmen of the UJA Women's Division held an education meeting at the home of Mrs. Albert Geller. Benjamin Schneider, executive director of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto discussed the needs of the local Jewish community and Mrs. Hart Levin spoke about social problems in Israel. Pictured below are some of the women who attended the meeting.

Mesdames Hart Levin, John V. Berger, Maxwell Eason (1972 campaign chairman, Women's Division), David Lipson and Mark Gross.

Mesdames Mel Tartick, Barney Miller, William Savlov, Sydney Ceresne and Oscar Rajsky.

Representing Young Women's Leadership: Mesdames Irving Abrams, George B. Eisenberg, Martin Sable, Michael Appleton (vice chairman, YWL), Morrey Solway (chairman, YWL), Charles C. Gold.

As it says in that TV commercial, "You've come a long way baby!"

This could be a most appropriate theme for members of the United Jewish Appeal's Women's Division. They have come a long way since the days of the Hebrew Young Ladies' Boot and Shoe Society and the time when volunteers went from door to door collecting quarters from housewives who gave what they could save from their household allowance.

Today, with women actively participating in all areas of business and education, and contributing their time and skills to every facet of Jewish community affairs, the picture has changed drastically.

When the Women's Division was formed in 1938, it played a relatively minor role in the UJA fund-raising organization and not too much was expected from canvassers. In 1972, the volunteer canvassers who number over 700, are educated and knowledgeable of the social and welfare needs of the young and elderly in the Jewish community, locally and internationally. Volunteer education is an integral part of the year's program. Women want to be informed - they are interested in the world around them and are becoming more involved in activities outside the home.

As recently as six years ago, the Women's Division raised less than $75,000 for the campaign. In 1971 the total was $400,000!

The phenomenal growth and success in women's fund-raising is due in great measure to inspired leadership and the calibre of the canvassers. To foster this interest, a Young Leadership program was instituted several years ago to train and educate future volunteer workers for UJA-ISF. This injection of new blood in the ranks is essential for the continued health and growth of any organization.

"Awareness" is the keyword guiding activities of this lively division. UJA Day, launched eight years ago, has emerged as the most important women's function of the year. The all-day session which attracts hundreds of Jewish women, features prominent panelists and experts who discuss vital issues related to Jewish identity and the problems facing Jews throughout the world. **This year UJA Day takes place on Thursday, Feb. 17 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and the featured guest speaker will be Mrs. Michael Comay, noted lecturer and author and wife of Israel's ambassador to the Court of St. James's.**

Another successful annual event is the Telethon, which has grown in scope over the years and now involves over 100 women making thousands of telephone calls throughout the Metropolitan Toronto area. This year's telethon will be held on Feb. 27 and March 5.

A major innovation which began in 1970 is Ramah Gifts, signifying a minimum contribution of $1,000.

Last November the first UJA Women's Division Study Mission left Toronto for a two-week tour of Israel. This was the forerunner of similar missions planned for the future.

Mrs. Maxwell Eason, 1972 Women's Division chairman, an active UJA-ISF worker for the past 12 years, is dedicated to the concept that every Jew must work for Israel and the community. "It's a privilege to be a UJA-ISF canvasser," she stated. "We are fortunate that this is the way we can help. We need only look at what is happening in Soviet Russia to realize how grateful we should be that only the task of canvassing has been assigned to us."

No longer is that old bromide "my husband gives at the office" acceptable. In the present scheme of things, today's woman is an individual in her own right and gives of herself for the enrichment of the community of which she is a vital part.

Special Gifts div. meets

The Special Gifts campaign is well under way and substantial increases are reported by leaders of the division. One of the Special Gifts fund-raising events was a meeting held at the home of Morris B. Kaufman. Some of those who attended are seen in the picture below.

Left to right: Philip DeZwirek, chairman of Brokers group; Stephen Berger, president of United Jewish Appeal of Metropolitan Toronto; Irving Waltman, associate chairman of Special Gifts division; H. Wayne Tanenbaum, member of Special Gifts committee.

Organizations name chairmen for UJA–ISF campaign

Over 60 organizations have appointed chairmen for the 1972 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign. Gordon Mendly, UJA-ISF chairman, announces the following appointments:

All for One Mutual Benefit Society, Saul Baker; **Apter/ Friendly Society,** Ernest V. Richards; **Association Mazritcher Landsmanshaft,** Samuel Bierstone; **Beizechiner B'nai Yaacov Society,** Morris Goldberg; **Beth Aaron Society,** L. Weisbrod; **Blue Star Lodge,** Nat Tanenbaum; **Borochov Movement,** Benjamin Himel; **B'nai Abraham Organization,** Israel Mintzer.

B'nai Radom & Vicinity, Sam Katzman; **B'nai B'rith** Toronto Regional Council, Max Aiken; **Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society,** Raymond Pasternak; **Chenstochover Aid Society** and **Hilfs Farein,** Jack Nightingale and Sam Yakubowicz; **Drilitzer Young Men's Society,** Samuel L. Shields.

Farband Labour Zionist Order, Morris Koffman and Al Schelberg; Farband L.Z.O. Branch 26, Al Cohen; Branch 72, A. Sadoff; Branch 72, Sam Yollick; Branch 72, M. Kachuk; Branch 106, Harry Weis; Branch 106, Mayer Casman; Branch 124, Victor Giblon; Branch 124, Harry Sher and Bernard Katz; Branch 138, L. Spivak; Branch 244, L. Orch; Branch 244, M. Sherman; Branch 255, H. Naiman; Branch 255, H. Kleinman; Branch 255, H. Mandel; Branch 517, Collin Morris and A. Liss; Branch 626, Ben Goldglass.

Farband of Lithuanian Jews, Ifa Demon and Reuben Madesker; **Fraternal Aktzia,** Lou Grainer; **General Wingate Lodge Branch 256,** Harvey Lister; **Friends of Pioneering Israel,** Alex Ogden; **Good Age Club,** Mrs. Sophie Goldenthal; **Hebrew Friendly Sons of David,** Max Applebaum; **Hebrew Literal Club,** Harry Trachter; **Hebrew Weston Charitable Services,** Mrs. Harry Frisch; **Herzl Zion Organization,** Ben Goldmintz and David Orlinsky.

Independent Order of Forresters Ahavat Achim, Samuel Goldman and Albert Larry; **I.O.O.F. Court Topaz,** Alex Arkin and N. Belick; **I.O.O.F. Sunnyside Lodge 449,** W. Schlein; **Jews of Dutch Descent,** Mike Englishman; **Jews of Hungarian Descent,** Armin Weiss; **Jewish Senior Citizens,** Mr. and Mrs. James Blugerman; **Judean Lodge Knights of Pythias,** Isaac Taylor and Jack Garelick; **Judean Benevolent & Friendly Society,** Art Gluckstein; **Ivansker Society,** Alex Kopstick; **Keltzer Sick Benefit Society,** Sam Kohn, Ben Lerer and Harry Silverstein; **Kiever Podolier Society,** H. Shneer.

Lagover Mutual Benefit Society, M. Mandel; **Linitzer Benefit Society,** Charles Cloth; **Lipsker Young Men's Society,** W. Sherman; **Lodzer Centre,** B. Blady; **Lubliner & Umgegent Society,** M. Friedman; **Maramoresher Society,** Mottel Pearl; **Mezritcher Landsmanshaft,** S. Bierstone and P. Mandelbaum; **Mozirer Sick Benefit Society,** S. Rose; **New Jewish Fraternal Association,** Jos. B. Salsberg and Morris Biderman; **Ostrovtzer Society,** Ben Weinrib; **Ozrower Society,** Manny Gold and Louis Millman.

Piotrkov Tomashov Belochatov Society, A. Belzycky; **Pultusker Landsmanshaft in Toronto,** J. Friedland; **Radomer Mutual Benefit Society,** Isadore Green; **Tozyszer Organization,** Sol Miller; **Shedlitz Lookover Club,** Leo Hertzberg and I. Kopyto; **Shedlower Young Men's Society,** J. Pinkus; **Sons of Abraham Mutual Benefit Society,** Charles Galperin; **Sons of Jacob,** S. Elbaum; **Stashiver Society,** Roy Segal, Izzy Brown and Nathan Freedman; **Stopnitzer Young Men's Society,** Jack Grosberg and Leon Kornbluth.

Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society, Ben Albaum and Lou Anisman; **Toronto Independent Benevolent Society,** Jack Shapiro; **Tzosmerer Friendly Association,** I. Green and Sam Landau; **Wierzniker Mutual Benefit Society,** Max Naiman and Abe Zukerman; **Young Men's Hebrew Association Sick Benefit Society,** David David and Alex Handelman; **Zaglembier Society,** Charles Goldfinger, Alter Wislicki and Willie Woznica; **Zion Benevolent Society,** P. Conson and L. Dickstein.

Synagogues

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Beth Torah, Michael Turk; Beth Tzedec, Lew Fields, Ben Litvak; B'nai Israel Beth David, Norman Winkler and Shelly Jackson; B'nai Torah, Hymie Weinberg.

Chevra Shas, A. Biderman; Clanton Park, Marvin Lister, Jack Kranz, P. Danziger; Congregation Habonim, Max Gottlieb; Hebrew Men of England, Cantor David Bercovici; Holy Blossom Temple, Dan Krangle and David Hart; Mogen David, Simon Sabbah; Petah Tikva Anshei Castilla, Mair Benmergui; Pride of Israel, Bernard Robuck; Shaarei Shomayim, Joseph Lester; Shaarei Tefillah, Mike Harris; Shomrei Shabos, Ed Winer, Sam Wald.

Temple Emanu-El, Dr. Robert Lester; Temple Har Zion, Ted Cole; Temple Sinai, John Linsky; Torah Emeth Burnside, Phinias Kurtz; Torath Emeth Viewmount, Frank Silverberg; Torah V'avodah Congregation, Abraham Figdor.

$1,000 from Lagover Ladies

Mrs. Percy Dolgoff, left, accepts a $1,000 treasury gift from the Lagover Ladies Auxiliary, on behalf of the UJA–ISF Women's Division. Shown with Mrs. Dolgoff from left to right are Mesdames Louis Spegel, president, Morris Greenspan, Hyman Applebaum, Joseph B. Klein and Morris Weiner.

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UJA DAY

Women's Division, United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund
Thursday, February 17, 1972 – Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue

MORNING SESSION 10:00 A.M.
MODERATOR PROFESSOR LEO DAVIDS
PANELISTS BERNARD BERGER, FERN SMALL, DR. SYDNEY WAX, GORDON WOLFE

AFTERNOON SESSION
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Guest Speaker MRS. MICHAEL COMAY

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STRING QUARTET CONCERT

In honor of Jewish Music Month, Temple Sinai is presenting a string quartet concert on Friday evening, Feb. 11, at 9:30 p.m. Toronto Symphony Orchestra members Harvey Bergart, George Horvath, Joseph Sera and Stanley Solomon will be performing music by Bloch, Ben-Haim and Beethoven. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

REV. KEATING TO ADDRESS B'NAI B'RITH

Rev. Donald Keating, recently resigned from the ministry of the United Church, will be speaking to Toronto Lodge of B'nai B'rith on **My Quarrel with the Church** on Monday, Feb. 14, at 9 p.m. in the Habonim Hall, Bathurst St. and Glencairn Ave.

"Y" TEEN SUMMER TOUR

Montreal's YM-YWHA and NHS is planning a repeat of the successful "Y" Teen Tour to Israel for this summer. The seven-week tour for members 16-18 years old will include a three to four week recreation and study program on a kibbutz. Applications are being accepted now.

COUNCIL OF BROTHERHOODS

Executive officers of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Toronto will be installed at the annual installation breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 9:15 a.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. The council represents the men's groups of 18 Metro congregations.

CANADIANS RESPOND TO ISRAEL'S NEEDS

D. Lou Harris, national chairman of the State of Israel Bonds of Canada, reports that 20,382 Canadians, Jews and non-Jews, purchased $15,384,700 in Israel Bonds in 1971. This is over 13% more than the previous record year 1970 and even more successful than the 1967 campaign, the year of the Six Day War.

JEWISH MUSEUM

Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Museum, known for its Cecil Roth and Ludvik Straub collections, has been designated as the Canadian branch of the Jewish Museum under the auspices of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Collections of Judaica are arranged according to thematic significance. Of special interest are displays on the Sabbath and festivals, coins, medals and stamps, and rare Hebrew manuscripts.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE LECTURE

Peace in the Middle East, When and How is the subject of a public meeting sponsored by the Toronto chapters of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and of the Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East. The meeting takes place on Monday, Feb. 7, at 8:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue and the guest speaker is to be Julius Stone, professor of international law and jurisprudence at the University of Sydney, Australia. Professor Stone has served as academic director of the Harry S. Truman Center for the Advancement of Peace, on Mt. Scopus.

TEACH-IN

In order to educate the Canadian people to the critical situation faced by the more than 4,000 Jews still in Syria, the Canadian Committee for the Rescue of Jews in Arab Lands is holding a Teach-In at Beth Sholom Synagogue on Sunday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. Speakers and topics will be: Donald Keating, former United Church minister - **Anti-Semitism United Church Style;** Saul Friedman, assistant professor of Middle East and ancient history at Youngstown State University - **Plight of Jews in Arab Lands;** M. Mitchel Serel, rabbi of Sephardic Jews in Toronto - **Personal Encounter.**

SOLUTION TO POLLUTION?

On Sunday, Feb. 6, at 10 a.m. Professor Samuel Sandler, department of chemical engineering, University of Toronto, will be the guest speaker of Frontier Branch 513 of the Farband Labor Zionist Order, Toronto, and will speak on **Is Dilution a Solution to Pollution?**

Dr. Raphael Balgur

TEACHERS SEMINAR

Over 100 teachers in Toronto Jewish schools participated in a seminar on the **Improvement of Reading Hebrew and Remedial Reading in Hebrew,** directed by Dr. Raphael Balgur of the University of Haifa and the Hebrew University, the weekend of January 15, at the Adath Israel Synagogue. The seminar was sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education.

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Sol Kanee

Canadian Jewish Congress president **Sol Kanee** was leader of the World Jewish Congress delegation to the World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem where he delivered a major address calling for continued and mutual action between world Jewish bodies. While in Israel, Mr. Kanee had several talks with Louis A. Pincus, chairman of the Jewish Agency, and members of its world executive.

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Joseph Y. Nadler

Joseph Y. Nadler of Montreal has been appointed chairman of the annual Mo'Ess Chittin Drive conducted jointly by the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization of Canada. The proceeds are for Passover relief to needy families in Israel.

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Torontonian **Phyllis Gordon** has been included in the American college **Who's Who.** This is a list of outstanding students from more than 1,000 colleges in the U.S. A graduate of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Miss Gordon is an English major and has been a regular member of the dean's list.

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Martin L. Friedland will be returning to his hometown, Toronto, from Ottawa to become the new dean of law at the University of Toronto as of Aug. 1. A former U of T law professor - he has been on staff since 1965 - Mr. Friedland, 38, was in Ottawa for the past year with the Canada Law Reform Comission.

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Montreal-born author **Mordecai Richler** has been appointed visiting professor in Ottawa's Carleton University's English department. He has been living in England for the past several years.

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Federal Opposition Leader **Robert Stanfield** will be guest speaker at the annual Inter-Faith Dinner of Beth Tzedec's Men's Club on Wednesday, Feb. 23.

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Anthony Appleblatt, a third year honors student of history at the University of Saskatoon, is the new chairman of the Canadian Union of Jewish Students. Anthony spent over a year in Israel, living in Kibbutz Ein Gev and working in the copper mines of Timna.

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More than 300 Metro B'nai B'rith members and their wives greeted **Col. Jacob Monbaz,** Israeli consul general in Toronto, at a reception held at the B.B.Y.O. House last week.

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Lipa Green, together with members of the Farband Labor Zionist Order of Toronto, has planted a grove of trees in memory of his wife Fannie. A certificate was presented at the Farband's Tu B'shvat celebration last Sunday.

Appointed member of school board resigns in favor of elected representative

MONTREAL -

Samuel Godinsky, an appointed Jewish member on the metropolitan Montreal school board resigned last week to permit Muriel Kaplan, an elected representative of an island suburb, to take her seat.

Godinsky, a senior appointee and chairman of the board's finance and legislation committee, said he resigned because it was more important to seat an elected representative than an appointed one.

"I couldn't have done it for a nicer person," he declared.

The controversy began three weeks ago, when Mrs. Kaplan was elected to represent Westmount suburb, a largely Protestant community, on the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal - a 25-man island wide council.

A 1965 law called for a maximum of five Jews on the council to be appointed by the government and the Canadian Jewish Congress. Mrs. Kaplan - as the sixth Jew - would break the law if she had taken her seat without a resignation from one of the five.

Godinsky tendered his resignation to the school board after a series of secret meetings at Congress headquarters. He resigned "so that the democratic process may be implemented".

Murray Speigel, chairman of the Congress's eastern region, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that a brief is being prepared by Congress to protest the "injustice" of the quota system. He said he expects legislative change to take place after the National Assembly reconvenes in April.

In 1971, the then-existing laws were changed to allow Jews in three suburbs to vote and run for election. The quota system was not discussed in depth during negotiations.

Samuel Godinsky

Muriel Kaplan

since under the recently withdrawn education Bill 28, the problem would have been eliminated.

A motion was passed by the Protestant School Board at the Jan. 25 meeting to study the problem of Jewish and non-Jewish representation with a brief to be eventually submitted to the government.

The school board also passed a motion introducing the study of Hebrew "as an integral part of their (pupils') accredited studies" in a third language.

U.S. may slash financial aid to Jerusalem

WASHINGTON (JTA) -

The amount of financial assistance Israel will receive from the United States for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, remained less certain than ever this week.

President Nixon had on his desk for signing into law authorization legislation allowing the Agency for International Development (AID) to spend up to $300 million in military assistance and $50 million supporting economic assistance for Israel through June 30.

The House, by a vote of 203-179 passed this bill last week. It authorizes an over-all total of $2.75 billion in economic and military assistance. This bill was passed by the Senate last month. The version adopted by the House was a compromise, however, as the House was adopting the authorization measure, the Senate appropriations Committee brought out new legislation which slashed the amount AID actually could spend to $2.16 billion in the current fiscal year. This is about $1/2 billion less than the authorization figure now before the President.

In the Senate Committee appropriation measure Israel is not mentioned at all. The amount of military assistance in the committee bill is held down to $400 million from which AID, by the authority of the President, could provide Israel up to $300 million or even more, but other countries also are waiting in line for help of this kind. What the full Senate and House will do with this appropriation bill was uncertain.

President Nixon's budget for fiscal 1973 did now show any specific sums allocated to Israel but did state that "outlays for military assistance, including credit sales to Israel, will total $750 million in 1973." White House aides told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that despite the absence of any specific sums for Israel within the total military assistance outlay of $750 million, there was no doubt that there would be appropriations initiated by the administration or originated in the Congress.

Minister returns from Cameroon

Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Quebec's first Jewish cabinet minister, recently returned from an 11 day official visit to Cameroon, a country although supporting Egyptian resolutions at the UN, made mediation overtures to both Israel and Egypt last November.

A pediatrician by profession, Dr. Goldbloom represented the government at the opening of a rehabilitation centre for handicapped children. The cabinet minister spent several days with Quebec's Cardinal Paul-Emile Leger, who makes his modest home in a trailer behind the centre.

Goldbloom toured Cameroon and the Ivory Coast before returning home. Both countries have Israeli government representation in the capitals.

"Before I left, Cardinal Leger made me promise to remember him to his dear friend - a friend with whom he had a very warm relationship before he left Canada," he said. "That friend is Rabbi Stern of Temple Emanu-El."

Mistreatment of Soviet Jewry

WASHINGTON

A new U.S. State Department pamphlet flatly asserts that Jews in the Soviet Union are singled out for discrimination and "cultural deprivation."

The 1,500-word analysis asserts that in today's USSR "living is tense and unpleasant for those who assert their Jewishness.

"Nevertheless," it adds, "an increasing number of Jews, particularly young people are boldly and publicly claiming their rights, including that to travel abroad and emigrate."

The contents of the pamphlet, titled, **Mistreatment of Jews in the Soviet Union,** were made public at the National Conference for Campus Action on Soviet Jewry.

An advance text had been sent by the State Department's Office of Soviet Affairs to Rabbi Oscar Groner, assistant national director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations, for conference use among the 175 participating student leaders.

Official Soviet practice, the pamphlet says, "denies Soviet Jews the opportunity and means to preserve their cultural and religious identity."

It notes that

- "Jews are subjected to a greater degree of cultural deprivation and state control than most other Soviet minorities."
- As a recognized religion, Judaism "fares better than non-recognized sects - such as the Jehovah's Witnesses - but worse than other officially recognized religious groups."
- As a Soviet nationality group, Jews in their "distinctive language, activities and community institutions have been . . . unlike most other national groups . . . severely restricted.
- "Jews are still well represented in scientific and artistic professions, but non-Jews receive preference in education.
- "The percentage of Jews in the Soviet Communist Party is high, but they are virtually excluded from high-ranking political and management jobs."

The pamphlet lists statements by the White House, State Department and U.S. representatives at the United Nations made in support of the rights of Soviet Jews to emigrate and to maintain their cultural freedoms, and declares that "we shall continue to speak out on these issues."

But, the pamphlet also cautions, "the impact of official statements or approaches to the Soviet government remains limited. So far as we can determine, the few Soviet concessions of recent years have come about in response to expressions of concerned public opinion from abroad."

It cites the increase in Jewish emigration last year as "evidence that the moral weight of peaceful, lawful expression of public opinion throughout the world may yet persuade the Kremlin to reconsider its practices."

Mrs. Singer dies at 48

Funeral services were held this week at Holy Blossom Temple for Elaine Singer, 48, wife of Vernon Singer, deputy leader of the Ontario Liberal party. She died last Monday after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Singer was known for her active campaigning for her husband in nine provincial and municipal elections. She spent many hours in committee rooms, addressed women's groups and answered telephone calls.

A skilled pianist and an expert at making hooked tapestries for her Don Mills home, Mrs. Singer was also an executive member of ORT.

Mrs. Singer leaves her husband, daughters Melanie and Stephanie and son Eric.

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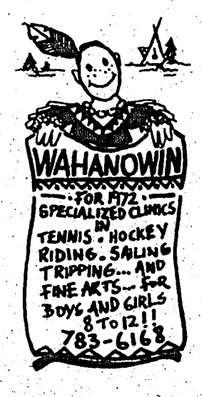

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Editorial page

Vague on acting
Sadat has second thoughts on war

President Anwar Sadat, shortly before the new year, announced to his troops: "perhaps this is the will of God, who gave me the opportunity to meet you now to tell you that our decision is war." However, a few weeks later he was explaining that the Indian-Pakistan conflict had upstaged his war and that the matter was therefore postponed to a more opportune time.

He has now declared diplomatic efforts to ease Israel out of Sinai useless, leaving only war as the means of regaining lost territory. But Sadat is vague as to when the fighting is likely to occur and has even suggested that it may be a long way off.

Sadat is in a peculiar position. He cannot announce a reversal in Egyptian policy; he cannot even suggest delaying the effort to drive Israel into the sea. Too many years of propaganda have created a mood of hatred not readily dissipated. But what if Sadat, in spite of the belligerence of his words is saying, "Israel cannot be pushed out of the Sinai by diplomatic means and she is too strong militarily to be pushed out by force of arms. Therefore, let us first of all abandon all those time-consuming, fruitless, diplomatic manoeuvrings and concentrate on putting our country on a war footing. Second, since Israel has such a large technological and educational advantage over us, let us concentrate on reducing that advantage. In order to achieve an equal war footing with Israel we shall devote the next 25 years to our own domestic problems."

Egyptian university students, sensitive to the subtler meanings of the speeches of Arab spokesmen, must have recognized a note of possible peace in Sadat's statement. This led to the series of demonstrations staged by students demanding action against Israel.

The new Egyptian Premier, promptly answered their belligerent cries by inviting them to join the Egyptian armed forces. He knew full well that Egyptian university students are not outstandingly eager for personal sacrifice. In the past, they have preferred to absent themselves when the fighting became too savage.

If Sadat has, in fact, made the decision to postpone war, that decision is based on a number of important realities.

First and foremost is Israel's strength. Without Israel's marked ability to defeat any Arab thrust across the Suez Canal, Sadat would have been tempted, as was Nasser, to engage in some cavalier adventure to establish his leadership.

Russia has also been a deterrent. In spite of the USSR's peculiar dislike for a Jewish state, her own interests are not furthered by a Middle East in flames, even if she has supplied the flamethrowers.

Sadat also recognizes that Egypt can count on very little help from its allies. Libya, Syria and Algeria, while urging Egypt towards war, have been very cautious about direct involvement themselves.

King Hussein of Jordan, comprising the "Eastern Front," has clearly stated that his country - minus the West Bank - does not have the resources for a new war.

Whatever the reasons, Israel would welcome a prolonged period of non-fighting even if there was no formal peace. Israelis are confident, that given time, they can break through the cycle of suspicion and hatred which has motivated Arab actions. They are confident that if there is no fighting they can establish positive human relationships with Arabs in Gaza and the West Bank. They are certain that the swarms of Arab summer visitors, the coming and going of thousands of pilgrims to Mecca and the growth of informal trade relations will create a new atmosphere in which real peace becomes possible.

If, for the moment, Sadat finds unthinkable a peace that would permit Golda Meir to shop on the weekend in Cairo, time may make it more plausible. The longer Israel exists, the more acceptable her continued existence becomes, even in Arab eyes.

Some of the signs are hopeful, but still much too tentative. We in Canada may continue searching for the first signs of peaceful intent on the part of the Arabs, but we must never cease our efforts to help Israel remain strong. Now, more than ever before, we must make certain that the reality of Israel's strength remains clear to Arab leadership.

Prime Minister Golda Meir in conversation with the new Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Elazar.

An insider's viewpoint

Mira Avrech, who writes for Yediyot Achronot, is one of Israel's most distinguished newspaper correspondents. She is the confidante of people in high places and possessor of a thorough understanding of the country's political, social, cultural and economic problems. Her column on personalities and events will appear from time to time in The Canadian Jewish News.

By MIRA AVRECH

During his lifetime Tevye the milkman followed his limping horse from hut to hut in Czarist Russia's little village of Anatevka, worked and sweated to feed his large family, but hardly made enough rubles to marry off his daughters. Had Shalom Aleichem, Tevye's creator, been alive today, he would have been stunned to see his hero - impersonated by Topol - cover the world in jet speed in the interest of charity. In two weeks Topol attended eight openings of **Fiddler on the Roof**, all benefits, from Los Angeles' Mount Sinai hospital to the Hebrew University, Weizman Institute, Haifa's Technion and Variety Club. All in all, they netted close to $1 million, $75,000 of which came from the Canadian opening night.

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Topol has made his own private contribution to Israel's Variety club, too. All proceeds from each and every one of his records sold in Israel as well as all his other various profits go straight to the club.

"I don't even see the accounts. . ." says Topol. "If I wish to know if I am popular in my own country and if my records are being bought, I have to call Variety and ask how much money they have got. . ."

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Jerusalem's dynamic mayor didn't wait for the **Fiddler** to arrive in Jerusalem. He attended the Baron Rothschild - sponsored opening in aid of the Hebrew University, which was held in Paris's opera house. Asked to address the audience, Kollek did so in Hebrew, thus being the first man in the history of Paris's opera house to address anyone in Hebrew from its stage.

Said Kollek in his translated speech: "If Palestine at the time had been a French and not British mandate, our French language as well as our cuisine would have been considerably better today!"

I don't suppose it will make much difference to New York's Plaza Hotel or Essex House, but Israeli personalities who used to frequent the hotels will be staying in less expensive quarters in future times.

Finance Minister Pinchas Sapir has requested all cabinet ministers and army generals who go abroad for the Israel Bond Campaign and the United Jewish Appeal to refrain from staying at expensive hotels at public expense. Oh, yes, - and please not take a suite but a single room.

This does not apply to Dr. Nachum Goldmann. A wealthy man in his own right, he travels at his own expense. At New York's Essex House he was victim to a theft a fortnight ago. When the thieves left his rooms Dr. Goldmann found himself minus his passport and 10,000 Swiss francs.

Sorry about the money. As to the passport, I understand that Dr. Goldmann, who was a citizen of the United States, and Switzerland, has an Israeli passport and is now a resident of France. He has a few spare passports on him. Which country? You may have your pick. . .

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Regarding the visit of the four African heads of state, or as it is generally called, the visit of the four wise men, now it may be told: When Prime Minister Golda Meir first met Nigeria's General Gowon upon his arrival in Israel, she exclaimed: "How well I know your country! I was there 10 years ago. Things have changed. . . it was much easier then!"

The President of Nigeria stared at Mrs. Meir: "You mean, the military rule?" he asked, his voice cold.

Mrs. Meir's eyes opened wide: "Military rule? God, no!" she declared innocently, waving the diplomatic incident off before it had started. "I mean, then - I was foreign minister. That was easy. Now as prime minister I know how difficult it can be!"

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President Ahigo of Cameroon, too, was stunned by Mrs. Meir: "I was in your country 10 years ago!" she said as soon as they met.

"Oh really?" the president asked politely. "And what, may I ask, were you doing there?"

"Ah. . ." said Golda, "I took part in a beauty contest!"

Lost for words the president could not but stare at her.

"I was heading the jury. . . " Golda said at last.

ask the rabbi

Photocopies of mezuzah not halachic

1. A friend bought me a mezuza made in Israel. It looks hand-written in the proper manner but is, in fact, a photo copy of a mezuza on paper which looks like but is not parchment. Is it permissible to use this mezuza?

RESPONSE:

The basic halachic problem which arose after the invention of printing was whether those things which require to be written - a sefer Torah, Tefilin, a mezuza, a Get - can be printed. Does printing fall under the definition of "writing" as given in the Talmud? A comparatively early discussion of the problem is found in the famous commentary to Shulchan Aruch Orach Chayim by Abraham Gombiner (d 1683) entitled Magen Avraham (32 note 57 and 284 note 1).

The Talmud (Yoma 38b) tells of a certain Bar Kamztar who could write all four letters of the Tetragrammation at once by holding four pens in his hand and who was criticized for not imparting the art to others. In another passage (Gittin 20a) it is said that engraving is treated as writing if the letters stand out in relief. In the letter case there is no actual writing of the letters.

However, it can be argued that in printing the machine does the work and this is not called "writing" at all. It was, in fact, entirely unknown in Jewish life for printed mezuzot to be used and this is the consensus of all the halachic authorities.

Apart from the weighty halachic objections there is surely much to be said for the view that mezuzot, etc., should be written by a dedicated human person not mass-produced by a soulless machine. All this would apply even if the mezuza were printed on parchment and would apply a fortiori to a photo copy on paper. It is clear, therefore, that your mezuza cannot be used.

2. Why do the rabbis insist that the benediction be made over a whole loaf on the Sabbath and do not necessarily insist on this requirement during the rest of the week?

RESPONSE:

Rabbis do not insist on this requirement throughout the week because it is not always possible to begin a whole loaf at every meal during the week. First, what is one supposed to do if one does not finish the loaf at a previous meal. Second, there are many who simply cannot afford to begin a whole loaf at every meal. Generally, the experience of beginning a new loaf was a luxurious experience. Hence, such luxuries were reserved for the Sabbath to show that the Sabbath is a special day, unlike the ordinary day, and even one's daily bread is more luxurious on the Sabbath. The challah itself is usually a "richer" kind of bread than the ordinary bread eaten during the week.

Congress of transition is label applied to lacklustre sessions

The London Jewish Chronicle has offered a succinct summary of the World Zionist Congress which ended last week. It read:

"The 28th Zionist Congress has ended with the adoption of the usual massive complement of resolutions, but it cannot be said to have accomplished anything which would place it among the memorable Congresses of the Zionist era.

It is probably best described as a Congress of transition - one which has seen the beginning of the realization of Zionism's greatest post-1948 dream, immigration from both capitalist America and Communist Russia, but has not yet decided on its proper role in the years ahead or how best to apply its energies in the service of Israel and the Jewish people.

The Congress was also transitional in the sense that the veterans are not yet ready to yield the leadership to the younger generation, while the young are not yet ready for the responsibilities leadership entails, even though they are demanding a greater share of it. In this connection, it is interesting that one of the loudest rounds of applause was reserved for a young speaker who attacked the platform for what he described as "the same platitudes, the same political speeches, the same careerism and the same opportunism."

Rabbi Dr. Arthur Hertzberg, an American conservative rabbi, summed up the 28th Congress as "a 'not-quite' Congress."

He said that it had "not quite made up its mind whether the Diaspora would continue to exist or was finished; whether Israel should be open to criticism or not; whether the World Zionist Organization should be the dominant factor in all Jewish forums or whether it should listen to others as equals."

The Congress had also not quite made up its mind "whether it was happy with the present organizational forms or sufficiently unhappy with them to seek change," Rabbi Hertzberg said."

Tourism booms despite war threat

The war clouds hovering over the Middle East have failed to cast shadows over Israel's tourist industry. It might have been expected that tourism would suffer in a country under arms and where a state of war might be proclaimed without warning.

But what happened in 1971, and what is occurring in the new year, indicates that Israel exerts a magnetic pull on Diaspora Jews to such an extent that they are oblivious to the very real prospect of war. They come in their hundreds of thousands, to strengthen their affinity with the national homeland, and to undergo a spiritual experience that at one time was no more than a dream.

In 1970, Israel played host to 437,000 tourists. Last year the figure jumped to one in excess of 650,000. Net earnings of the tourist industry alone were over $150 million. An increasing number of Canadians are making the pilgrimage to Israel, 24,000 having been there last year, as compared to 18,000 in 1970. The outlook for 1972 is most promising.

To accommodate the heavy volume of tourists, Israeli business interests are building new hotels and stepping up other aspects of the service industry. The rate of hotel construction is slow by North American standards but the tempo is speeding up. Prospective visitors are advised to use travel agents who can save travellers money and time, to say nothing of inconvenience. Very few hotels will answer a personal request for reservations and none of the touring companies will.

Tourism ranks high as a source of foreign exchange. But it is far more than a money maker; it is the key to establishing ever closer rapport between the Diaspora Jews and the citizens of Israel.

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Israelis deeply affected by military changes

By MAJ. GEN. CHAIM HERZOG

People in Israel are only too aware of the vital importance to their very existence of the calibre of the man serving at the head of the defence forces. Hence the almost obsessive interest displayed by the public in the choice of a new chief of staff, which takes place every three or four years.

The average Canadian or American, who has not the vaguest idea as to the identity of his chief of staff, must consider the universal national interest focused on the appointment of a chief of staff in Israel to be an indication of an inherent militarism in the nation. Nothing, paradoxically, could be further from the truth.

The fact is that the chief of staff represents more than a mere military appointment. He represents part of the life of every citizen. Every sixth individual in the country is directly involved in one way or another in the reserves, not to mention the fact that practically every citizen has, at some time or another, at least one relative serving on active duty.

What goes on in the Israel defence forces is, therefore, an integral part of the mosaic of daily life in the country for every single individual.

Many have drawn attention to the very salutary effect of the system of rotation at the head of the armed forces, with its inevitable refreshing influence on the quality of command, and have thought aloud about the revolutionary effect such a system could have if introduced to other aspects of public life, such as politics, where the very reverse of the principle of rotation exists.

Every chief of staff has influenced, in one way or another, the development of the Israel

Major General Chaim Herzog

defence forces and has left his imprint on its character, some more than others.

One of the two major figures who left their imprint on the army was Yadin, who is seen as the father of the unique organizational system of the Israel defence forces, particularly the reserve system. He is also the man who brought about a fusion of the various elements, frequently rival, which initially constituted the Israel defence forces, such as the Haganah, the Palmach, the other underground organizations, and the ex-British Army personnel. He set the organizational pattern which has, by and large, been adhered to since.

The other outstanding commander was Dayan, who discarded much that was accepted as inevitable, who infused a fighting spirit into the army, who created a fighting elite and then forced the army forces to rise to the standard of that elite and widened it to encompass the whole army.

His personal example, courage and charismatic power of leadership, together with his ruthless personnel policy and weeding out of misfits, combined to create a military machine honed to a fine point.

There is no doubt that General Barlev will now join Yadin and Dayan in the first rank of Israel's chiefs of staff. For four years he led an army through a war of attrition in circumstances which could have broken weaker men and which only a man of his strength of character and inner stability could have withstood.

The Israel defence forces have been trained for the lightning attack with a great deal of dash and verve, but had never been tried in the far more difficult task of holding lines of defence for years against overwhelming firepower, with inevitable daily casualty lists. Leading the army under such circumstances and attuning it to fight under these new conditions, without losing its aggressive quality, was Barlev's great contribution.

General Elazar, the new chief of staff, comes from the same background as General Barlev - Palmach, armor, wide experience on the field of battle, coupled with a university education and it is fair to assume that he is more than likely to maintain the pattern laid down by Barlev than to create some new revolutionary patterns.

His wide experience in armor, coupled with that of his new deputy, General Tal, a master of philosophy at the Hebrew University and one of the universally acknowledged authorities on armor in the world today, will combine to re-emphasize the prime place of armor in Israel's military thinking, after that of air power.

Opinion

Ah, those bygone days of the Lyric's glory

By J.B. SALSBERG

Shhhh, shhhh, shaaa! We're trying to conjure up from the past the little church building that stood on what is now known as the north-east corner of Bay and Dundas streets in Toronto. It was this very modest brick structure, after serving its original purpose for a long time, that became the first permanent home of Yiddish theatre.

Shhhh, shaaa! We'll try to put the lights on and let you see the interior of the suspenseful, wondrous Lyric Theatre. You might even - providing you stop walking about and take your seat - you might even recognize our pioneers in these parts, your ancestors and their landsleit and friends, who filled the 500 odd seats of the home of Yiddish drama five or six times a week.

And, if you only keep quiet and sit down, we'll try to darken the house by turning off the cluster of lights one by one; turn on the footlights that settled on the promptor's box, protruding from the floor of the elevated, stage area and that brightened the Victorian garden scene of the lowered curtain that hid wonderland from view.

Shhhh, shhhhhhh. Now it's really important that everybody go to their own seats; that they stop talking; that they stop whispering. Shhhh, and we'll try to get Harry - Harry the untrained but most talented and creative stage carpenter - we'll ask Harry to raise the curtain and what you will behold will dazzle your eyes; will keep you spellbound; will make you forget the shop, the crowded frame cottages into which people were packed like sardines; even make you forget your home-sickness for parents, sisters and brothers, wives and children in the old country; will make you forget everything and will transport you to magical, stirring, fascinating worlds.

The curtain has risen! The musicians discreetly disappear from their pit through a tiny door that leads them right under the stage. We look at a balebatishe living room; a beautiful young woman appears from the door to the left; she seems to be talking to someone who doesn't immediately follow here; but you can't hear a word she says; part of the audience speculate, in whispers of course, who she is and the rest, eager to hear, plead without words for silence; shhhhh, shhhhh, sit-down, sit down, shhhh . . .

Between the acts, I might even take you behind the stage and Harry might allow us to peep through the tiny hole in the centre of the stage drop. Usually it is Harry or the director, or one of the two stars who peep through that hole to see if the house is filling up or if the "publicum" has taken their seats after the intermission. But if Harry will let us you will see the Lyric in all its glory and excitement.

You will see the more affluent, the sports (usually the well paid cloakmakers) and the sedate young men who already "take out a girl" fill the seats on the main floor, known as the orchestra. The less affluent and the newly married couples filled the balcony that curved around like a horseshoe from one side of the stage to the other. The rest packed themselves like sardines into the gallery, known as the "family circle." There, way-up, near the ceiling, there were no individual chairs but the long, old church benches stood behind each other and it was first-come, first-served. But the family circle had its advantages too. The benches seem to be made of elastic. No matter how crowded one could always squeeze in a friend or a landsman near you on the already jammed bench; you wiggled and you twisted and you got them in. Ahhhh!

Now let's hurry back to our seats, the curtain is about to go up, our favourite actor is about to show them!

We're back and we got our own seats, too. Wonderful. Harry looks through the peep hole in the curtain; he douses the lights in the theatre; the footlights come on; the curtain rises slowly; our participating audience is anxious to participate; but the noise! Shhhhh, shhhhh, shaaaa!

Now we can begin to lead you by the hand into the wonderland that drew our forefathers; the irresistible magnet that attracted our landsleit and maybe our own parents; ha, maybe their young, like us, to The Lyric.

But remember, we can't do it unless you be quiet. So let's follow the example of our ancestors and say in unison: Shhhhh!

Freedom of action under law must be goal

By HENRY S. ROSENBERG

When the Rabbinical Court presumes to exercise authority over cabinet ministers, and asserts that its power comes from the halacha, and not from the laws of the state, which was established by ideology, hard work, daring and the shedding of much blood, we are approaching a dangerous situation.

A modern state cannot function on the idea that the Torah and the halacha are supreme, even though individuals are premitted to believe it and act accordingly in their own circle, subject to the law of the land. If the duly elected government and the secular courts of the land do not have the final say, the result is chaos. Israel was not built by fundamentalist Jews alone. Ben Gurion, Sharett, Eshkol were secularists as is Prime Minister Golda Meir. Weizmann and Ben Zvi were not orthodox and neither is President Shazar. The chalutzim and the kibbutznicks who pioneered and shed their blood were not inspired by halacha. They had their own ideas of labor and social justice.

Henry S. Rosenberg

It is acknowledged that in Israel, there is due recognition and respect for halacha and the tradition that kept the Jewish people alive through the centuries, but not all Israelis are, or wish to be, fundamentalists. Reformed rabbis and conservative rabbis have done much to develop Israel. Stephen Wise, Hillel Silver, Barnett Brickner, Solomon Goldman, Yehuda Magnes are just a few of their leaders. It is unthinkable that after what these men and their followers have done to help build the State of Israel, a marriage performed by an ordained reform or conservative rabbi is not permitted or recognized in Israel. The state cannot fall in line with all types of religious fundamentalist ideas; some of the strictly orthodox Jews even do not recognize the state because they say it was not founded by the Messiah.

Israelis must have the right and privilege to belong to a fundamentalist group and to accept its edicts and an equal right to belong to a reform or a conservative congregation, or to no synagogue at all.

The rabbis and all orthodox citizens must be subject to the rule of law. In law there should be no discrimination or favoritism based on orthodoxy or otherwise; no differentiation in taxation or in duty to serve the state.

What if the religious party controls the balance of votes in the coalition government? An election on the subject of control by the rabbinate will surely return a majority in favor of the supremacy of the Knesset. If fighting were to break out before an election is held, the country will surely unite and forget their differences until peace is assured. An exclusively fundamentalist version of the laws of marriage, divorce, conversion, military service, Sabbath observance and kashruth, can only hinder a modern state. Everyone in Israel is free to believe as he wishes but no one has the right to force his beliefs on anyone else. After all, Judaism never did send out missionaries.

It is true that Israel received assistance from orthodox Jews the world over, and it is to be hoped that very little of that support will be reduced if religion is placed in its proper setting. It must also be remembered that over 90% of the diaspora Jews are either conservative, reformed occasional shulegoers or indifferent about religious observances. This 90% is the main supporter of Israel.

Israel has a fundamental Jewishness. A chalutz is as Jewish as a "yeshiva bocher" and in Israel, there are several hundred thousand citizens who are not Jewish. If the law of Israel enables the rabbis to be supreme, we will have to give the same right to Christians and Muslims in their different sects. Soon Israel would become a series of weak "shtiblechs".

The Knesset would be wise, if it enacted a law declaring the freedom of all citizens to follow their own brand of belief or disbelief, free from religious pressures against their will, and making all religions, religious organizations and tribunals subject to the rule of law.

Satirical critique inconsistent with orthodox reality

Dear Editor:

A simple sense of honesty compels me to criticize Mr. J. Isaac's letter in **The CJN** of Jan. 21. I can see the logic of his argument about orthodox ideology. But his satirical critique of the reform rabbinate is both grossly unfair as well as inconsistent with orthodox reality.

Repentance is a fundamental principal of all Judaism. Hence Dr. Gunther Plaut deserves every respect for openly "confessing" the reform sins. We must admire Dr. Plaut and his colleagues even more for their sincere search and commitment to "mend their ways" by applying halachic criteria despite the fact that reform does not recognize orthodox halacha in principle. The reform rabbis, however, are concerned with, and motivated by, the unity of Klal Yisrael.

But what about Mr. Isaac's orthodox? The National Religious Party of Israel (Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi) is on record as no longer demanding halachic criteria for conversion! The Mizrachi ministers Burg and Warhaftig have so far, and promised to continue, to record as Jewish anyone that claims to be a Jew or has undergone any form (legal or illegal) of conversion to Judaism! This while the orthodox like Mr. Isaacs and the Mizrachi curse and condemn the "plague of reform," they are prepared to sell all their "religious principles" for political gain!

What a strange paradox that the more reform is concerned wih Klal Yisrael and with self-sacrifice moves to the right, the orthodox move to the left! At this rate, in another few years, the reform movement, as guided by men like Dr. Plaut, will be the very normative Judaism Mr. Isaacs talks about while the orthodox will be those whom Mr. Isaacs now condemns as heretical!

Indeed, we must be living in the days of the Messiah.

Pinchas B. Elazar
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I am very puzzled by Rabbi E. Forman's cryptic remarks that "extemism in religious issues must be openly opposed from within the religious community" and that he hopes that Shlomo Goren will become Chief Rabbi of Israel as a "giant step in the right direction" (**CJN** Jan. 21).

What does the good rabbi mean by extremism? Reform and orthodoxy? Has he in mind some criteria in both interpretation and application of halacha? But just what standards does he use for these?

Secondly, just how does Rabbi Goren excel over all his colleagues? If the present chief rabbis are not obeyed, will Rabbi Goren be? And just whose obedience is Rabbi Forman concerned with? Is the exceptional opinion of any one individual ipso facto the norm because it proves the most popular with certain elements - kind of "tailored-to-measure" for them? Is the Shulkhan Arukh therefore the extremism that must be openly opposed?

Finally, can there be worse extremism than the one to oppose and suppress other alleged extremism? Is not this the very argument of all fascism - "to save the people from themselves"?

Since Rabbi Forman speaks as a religious representative it is only fair to expect that he explain himself more clearly on all these vital issues fraught with so many problems and far-reaching implications.

Michael J. Gordon
Toronto

Dear Editor:

After reading the Jan. 21 edition of **The Canadian Jewish News**, one article particularly impressed me very much and that was the item entitled **Glory to the memory of Danish king** by J. B. Salsberg.

I read it again to my husband and we were both so touched, we wanted to "do" something, or express in some way our feelings in appreciation for the kindnesses shown our people during the horrors of the Second World War, by the King of Denmark and all Danes.

We would very much like to make a donation to charity in memory of the late King. Could you please advise us how to address the acknowledgement so that the family would receive it. Thank you.

(Mrs.) Bunny Schwartz
Willowdale

Editor's Note:
The Danish Consulate in Toronto is located at 151 Bloor St. W. The phone number there is 962-5661.

Dear Editor:

I think that no one who read the article on the late King Frederik of Denmark could help but associate himself by the sentiments by Mr. J.B. Salsberg.

However, the article implied that Frederik was in fact the King who himself donned the yellow Star of David when the Nazis overran Denmark. I should like to point out that Frederik ascended the throne of Denmark in 1947 and the King of Denmark during the **Nazi occupation was King Christian X** who ascended the throne in 1912.

While bringing up minor errors of fact such as this, some of your readers may recall an article a few months ago noting the lack of Jewish winners of beauty contests. I think it is only fair to point out that if memory serves correctly a girl from Ottawa by the name of Feller won the Miss Canada contest in 1961. My recollection is that she gave up the title when she found that her contract would have forced her to make public appearances on the high holidays.

Your new format is excellent. Keep up the good work.

Arthur B.C. Drache
Associate Professor
Queen's University,
Kingston

West German issue

Painful normalization

By W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A brief but not inconsequential controversy erupted in Israel a few weeks ago. After several years of hemming and hawing it had finally been decided that the time had come to give the friendly relations between West Germany and Israel some public expression. Until now the level of contact had been primarily through the two governments, through an exchange of goods and the payment of restitution money by the Germans.

Some years ago when Germany had sent its first ambassador to Israel there had been brief disturbances, but ever since, the presence of a German diplomatic representative in Israel has been accepted, even as the political support of West Germany had come to be expected as a matter of course. A process of "normalization" had begun in the Adenauer years and had continued ever since.

But the events of early November left no doubt that this normalization still had its recognizable and painful limits. It had been agreed that to hold a German Culture Week, assuming that an unemotional approach to German culture was now possible in Israel. It turned out that it was not.

The reaction from many quarters was so strong that the mayors of three cities who had been listed amongst the sponsors withdrew their support, and the official opening with speeches in Tel Aviv also had to be called off. In consequence, the resistance fighters and concentration camp survivors withdrew their planned demonstrations, but the events which remained - a joint appearance of Teddy Kollek and German novelist Guenter Grass and an exhibit of graphics by Kaethe Kollwitz - did not pass without some disturbances. Inside the hall where the speeches were to take place, demonstrations went on unabated for close to two hours, but Grass (one of Germany's best known friends of the Jewish people, a staunch supporter of Israel and a bitter anti-Nazi) who was the butt of the anti-German outburst, sat it out and finally gave his speech. He understood, he said, the emotions here displayed, and it would take another long time before true normalization would take place.

It was an aggravating coincidence that the opening of the culture week fell on the very night of Kristallnacht, the anniversary of the burning of the German synagogues in 1938. Shmuel Shnitzer in **Ma'ariv** accused the government and the arrangers of trying to make the Jewish people forget what had happened. Selecting "good Germans" for the German Culture Week gave support to the belief that Nazism had been the work of a few evil people, while in fact it was not a sudden phenomonen, but something that had been nurtured for generations and had stemmed from the mainstream of German thinking, art and culture. Therefore, wrote Shnitzer, it was a travesty to think that a handful of Germans who were opposed to Nazism could be brought to Israel to represent German culture.

But in the same paper David Giladi wrote that the fault was not with the concept but with the timing. It was too soon, he wrote, but sooner or later Israelis would have to accept the fact that there is today another Germany and that there was one even historically. In this way the controversy went on across party lines. **The Jerusalem Post** summed it up in its own low-key way: "This week has not been a success," it said. That was probably the understatement of the year.

Der Spiegel, which is the German equivalent of **Time** magazine, had a long story on the matter and took the opportunity to examine the entire relationship between Jews, Israel and the Germany of today. The story must have puzzled the millions of younger German readers who were not alive in Nazi days. The emotions and references would likely appear to them as strange and unreal - but then, what happened between 1933 and 1945 was in every way tragically surrealist, for normal standards of morality and judgment were abandoned in those years. One must therefore always keep in mind that no discussion of Nazism and its consequences can possibly have a "normal" frame of reference.

Orthodox Jews dance in the streets of Jerusalem. Our readers debate controversial conversion practices of the three Jewish religious branches.

Features

Looking ahead

Columnist criticizes CJN

By DR. STUART E. ROSENBERG

Readers of this weekly column know that I write this as a public service because I believed that **The Canadian Jewish News** had intended to serve the best interests of the whole Jewish community and that it was formed by its new owners to devote its pages to the highest purposes of community solidarity.

They also know that I have promised at the very beginning of my column writing here to provide more and more information on how to help redeem Soviet Jewry - to my mind, the single most important Jewish historical issue of our day.

Despite its attention to Soviet Jewry, this paper continues to do a major disservice to Toronto students whose special person-to-person contacts with Soviet Jews **provide** us with more information than any other official or unofficial source can tell us of the true mood and the new facts as they change from day to day in the Soviet Union. The transcripts they can provide us from their telephone contacts may be well worth more than a thousand pages of some of the stuff we read in some Jewish newspapers.

I am not the paper's editor. But my readers do write me; they do speak to me. They don't understand why the exciting and creative work being carried out by the young Jewish activists at York University and the University of Toronto - the Student Council for Soviet Jewry - is not receiving proper attention in the news columns of this newspaper. I trust that this has been an oversight. For if the editor will forgive, it would be my hope that each week a large news column would be devoted as a regular feature to what these youngsters are doing for us all - things nobody else had yet begun to do with such verve and imagination in Toronto.

They came to me on Sun., Jan. 30, to ask for my help to get their message across - in the media, on radio, etc. It was then they told me that they were having tough sledding even getting through to the local Jewish community, through the pages of this newspaper!

Shades of Nachum Goldmann?

We must help them!

They are wonderful, inspired kids. They have been instrumental in doing many things. Each week, for example, in various synagogues (they first started in Temple Emanu-El) and in some homes they have been successful in making person-to-person contact by telephone with Russian Jews. They are not looking for sensational headlines. But they do have about the best program around. I want my readers to know what they're about:

- To learn at first hand from these personal calls, the names, addresses and conditions of certain Russian Jewish persons and prisoners.

- To learn how many are on their way to Israel and what they want us Canadian Jews to do for them.

- To garner new information directly that is unobtainable in any other way.

- To enlighten our local community - Jews and Gentiles alike that the exodus is real; the Zionism of Russian Jewry alive; that we must mobilize to keep the efforts going on a multiple series of levels.

I can understand why the CBC, thus far, has not been helpful to these wonderful kids and their imaginative program. And a few local newspapers, too. But **The Canadian Jewish News**?

Why is it important, I ask in all honesty - other readers are asking me this, too - for **The Canadian Jewish News** to report art, theatre, or "itty-bitty" local news items on its front pages; as if these were the real history of our Jewish times? **The Canadian Jewish News**, I had earnestly hoped, could become **The New York Times** of Anglo-Jewish journalism.

What about in-depth review of books and Jewish thought?

So this column is in the nature of a most friendly challenge to the new owners and editors of **The CJN** to become more alive to the blatant realities of the larger Jewish history in the making right here in Toronto and across the seas, by virile young Jews.

Transcripts of their telephone calls are now available and they provide the most exciting and valuable direct source of information of the current Jewish scene in Russia. Why doesn't **The Canadian Jewish News** print them?

Editor's Note: A reply to the above column is at the right on this page.

The record speaks

The printed word challenges rabbi's assertions

The Canadian Jewish News allows its columnists the fullest range of opinion and therefore, seldom challenges any of its contributors. However, Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's column on this page includes a number of statements which **The CJN** does not consider accurate and therefore feels obliged to correct.

The Rabbi implies that **The CJN** has (1) failed to provide sufficient information on the issue of Soviet Jewry, "the single most important issue of our day;" (2) of failing to give proper attention to the Student Council for Soviet Jewry; (3) of failing to devote "each week a large news column which would be devoted as a regular feature" in **The CJN**; and (4) of failing to publish the most meaningful material regarding Soviet Jewry, namely transcripts of long distance telephone calls to Russian Jews completed by the Student Council.

Had the Rabbi enquired regarding the facts, he would have learned:

1) That **The CJN** has devoted itself wholeheartedly to providing information on Soviet Jewry. An examination of back issues, dating to July 2, the date on which the present ownership and management of **The CJN** began, disclosed that there has been hardly an issue which has not dealt with the subject in either editorial, wire service story, local news story, feature story or interview. As recently as Jan. 21, we ran a front page lead story, headlined "Underground leader in Toronto. An early morning phone call to Moscow" by Larry Anklewicz, youth leader at York University.

The previous week, there was a Page 2 story providing the transcript of a long distance call placed by members of Herut to Ze'ev Machlis in Moscow.

2) **The Canadian Jewish News** does not consider that it has in any way slighted the Student Council for Soviet Jewry, its leadership or its activities. Indeed, a lengthy interview with the leaders of the Student Council for Soviet Jewry was printed in **The CJN**. This interview was initiated by the editorial staff.

3) It was during this interview that the Council leadership suggested that they be given a regular weekly column in **The CJN**. This suggestion was warmly received by **The CJN** Managing Editor who insisted however, on a number of conditions which would pertain in any newspaper.

It was suggested that the students provide a sample column which would meet these conditions. One such column was delivered and the quality of the sample column was so poor that **The CJN** editorial staff rejected it, and urged that a further effort be made.

This offer still stands and has been repeated on several occasions in the past few months.

4) While we share the Rabbi's view that telephone transcripts provide some of the most dramatic material in the Soviet Jewry's struggle, it is obviously not the only important material. Further, the Student Council has never offered **The CJN** such transcripts. On the contrary, efforts to obtain transcripts for publication last October were frustrated on the grounds that their publication would reveal the program of telephone calls to the Russian government, thereby endangering the program.

Sol I. Littman

Educational camping plugs the children into Judaism

By JUDY PLATT

What does a camp director do the other 10 months of the year? Well, if he's a missionary like Rabbi Leonard Berkowitz for "a Jewish experience called Camp Ramah," it's a year-round commitment.

When the snow blocks the way to the camp's Muskoka home, Rabbi Berkowitz runs things from a strategically placed office overlooking Bathurst and Lawrence. This year the Canadian Ramah (which is part of a network of seven camps run by the Conservative movement) celebrates its bar mitzvah year of turning out committed Jews.

Rabbi Berkowitz was attracted to educational camping "because the 24 hour setting gives me the chance to really influence kids in a profound way to think about their Jewish values and heritage." So he's willing to put up with 10 months of administration and "paper-pushing" - he admits to needing six weeks just to read through all the camper evaluations and counsellor reports - for those two months when he can "really plug the kids into Judaism." This is Rabbi Berkowitz' sixth year at directing Ramah in Canada.

Actually, the winter is a busy season for Rabbi Berkowitz. The day after our interview he was scheduled to spread the gospel (illustrated with slides) to kids and parents in Winnipeg; the following day in London. Then a two day meeting with division heads to work on the summer's program. Next week he'll go to New York for a three day meeting with the other Ramah directors; they'll be studying "the role of women in Judaism" with an eminent Talmudist (it's not an abstract question in a camp setting where the girls study and daven with the boys every day). And in between he'll interview some of the 160 staff members and twice that number of campers.

It is reputed that "Ramah makes Jews," and, indeed, many young dedicated rabbis, educators, and laymen are graduates of the movement. What is the secret of its success? "It provides a living environment for Judaism," explains a veteran Ramah worker. "Schools can only teach about Judaism, but camp lets the kids live it." A camper agrees: "At camp we use the Hebrew and other things we learn at school."

Giora Diament of Israel, head of music at Camp Ramah, leads campers in a song session.
Photo by E. Newman

A contingent of about a dozen shlichim add to the Hebraic atmosphere of the camp - and contribute to the central role Israel plays in the camp's philosophy and program.

Rabbi Berkowitz finds that "kids generally react favorably to the Hebrew emphasis and really want to learn, though in a natural way and not in Hebrew School fashion." He laughs, "We knew we were succeeding when one cabin raided another - and left a note in Hebrew!"

Campers have two classes a day (one in Hebrew; one in another Jewish subject), besides the unlimited opportunities for informal education. Everyone at camp, from the youngest camper to the director, studies. It's not a summer school; study is simply considered part of the Jewish way of life and a fixed time is set for it along with all the regular camp activities. About 15 teachers and a Jewish Theological Seminary professor are "in-residence."

Ramah is billed as "an experiment in intensive living." "Kashrut, daily tefillot, a complete Shabbat experience, are sometimes new to our campers," Rabbi Berkowitz points out. "These kids have to struggle at first to get used to the atmosphere, but by the end of the summer many of them have discovered their Jewish identity to the point of wanting to increase observance at home. Parents are generally supportive, but we teach another important principle in Judaism: 'honor thy mother and father' - just in case!"

Teaching manpower crisis

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

Few younsters are interested in becoming Jewish teachers because of poor salaries, a lack of fringe benefits, normal salary increments, security, and a scarcity of full-time positions, says a prominent Jewish educator.

Dr. Alvin Schiff, executive vice president of the Board of Jewish Education in New York, said there is a manpower crisis for teachers because "the Jewish community has danced around the creative need for survival in Jewish life."

Dr. Alvin Schiff

He told a capacity audience attending a panel discussion at the Saidye Bronfman Centre last week that Jewish teachers often have to "moonlight" in other jobs to maintain a decent yearly wage.

Punctuating his remarks with humorous Yiddish anecdotes, Dr. Schiff attributed the present crisis in Jewish education to the inherited practices of the East European melamud "who taught in America in converted cellars, saloons, or any rent-free fire trap and who was not only a teacher but a soothsayer, a translator, and a marriage broker. The teaching profession is still hounded by the force of the melamud."

The panel discussion, organized by the Association for the Advancement of Jewish Education, a federation of day and afternoon parent groups, is a prelude to the release in November of a major study on Jewish education in Montreal.

A significant factor in the plight of Jewish education, he noted, is that the profession is accorded a low status by the community. "The attitude towards education from Jewish agencies and their workers indicates they are not convinced of the importance of Jewish education."

Dr. Schiff added: "Until the Jewish mother can exclaim with pride, 'my son the Jewish teacher', as she does with 'my son the doctor', the status of Jewish education will not change."

Mackasey will speak at banquet

Federal Manpower Minister Bryce Mackasey will be the guest speaker Feb. 14 at the Mayor William Dennison Testimonial Banquet sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Histadrut, David Archer, banquet chairman, has announced.

Mackasey, the former labor minister, recently headed the Canadian contingent to an international labor conference in Israel. The dinner will be held at the Inn on the Park.

Proceeds of the banquet will go toward the William Dennison Medical Centre being built in Kfar Saba, Israel.

Archer, who is president of the Ontario Federation of Labor, also announced that Ontario Lieutenant Governor W. Ross Macdonald will be honorary patron of the dinner. Other patrons include Ontario Premier William Davis, former premier Leslie Frost, Federal NDP Leader David Lewis and a host of municipal politicians headed by Metro Chairman Ab Campbell.

One in five Israeli families owns car, statistics reveal

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Almost one Israeli family in five owns a car. If commercial vehicles are counted, 22.3% of Israel's population are motorized, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics. The percentage went up by 3% in the past year alone.

According to community division, car owners were classified as follows in 1971: Israeli-born, 35%; Europe-American born, 22% and Asia-African born, 9%.

During the same year, 29,000 families received telephones, raising the total to 284,000 phones serving almost 40% of the population. Owners of telephones vary with education. Only 5% of the unschooled have telephones.

Television cuts across social barriers, 448,000 sets serve some 60% of the population. Some 89% of the population have radio sets, 90% have refrigerators and 46% have washing machines.

Output in Israel rose by 7% last year. Consumption, both private and governmental did not increase. Investment increased by 17.5% and the exports by 16%.

Reduced defence expenditure accounted for reduced imports. People in 1971 bought fewer durables but drank more and smoked more. Food and clothing rose only slightly. The increase in investment was mainly due to the purchase of planes and ships, machinery and residential housing.

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Entertainment

Fineberg needs better frame for his play

By JENIVA BERGER

Larry Fineberg's first play which opened recently at the Factory Theatre Lab hardly fits into the category of the brash innovative theatre we've come to expect from experimental groups. Entitled **Stonehenge Trilogy**, the opening work of this package of one-act plays concerns a group of Long Island Jewish society matrons who have gathered together for their monthly dramatic club meeting, supposedly to choose a new rostrum of

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plays for their season, but actually, at the insistence of their most outspoken member, to oust their eccentric president.

Fineberg calls this first piece **Drat Dose Fowl!** a farce, and in truth, it reminds one exactly of those inane, low royalty shows performed in years past by drama groups in basement halls. Once having introduced his characters, the playwright proceeds to build his next two plays around several of them.

The next one, **Who Killed Johnny Spode?**, takes place beside the pool of the lady at whose house the drama meeting is taking place. It's the best one of the lot since Fineberg reveals a fine flair for the underplayed humor made famous by Nichols and May. Although the story itself is truncated withsome unrequited mystery thrown in for flavor, Fineberg is able to extract human comedy out of sinple situations.

Two homely Jewish 'princesses', sisters, whose pretty mother we've just met in Act 1, discover that a boyfriend who has just died of a drug overdose, was sleeping with both of them. The girls don't like one another very much, of themselves either for that matter (one is acne-scarred, the other, fat and neurotic) but their mutual insecurities and unhappy love life with the same boy draw them both into a reluctant interdependence which is at times both touching and hilarious.

The third play is an encounter session between a granddaughter who has suddenly come back home looking for a "safe place" after a debilitating romance with a Negro, and the girl's mother, a widow, whose uncomplimentary memories of her marital life become a disquieting counterpoint to her daughter's sexual problems. The play has many good moments, but its homey realism often degenerates into a soap opera atmosphere.

Once we've resolved ourselves to the fact that Fineberg is still finding his way with structure and style, we can admire much of his potential which lies in his humor and ability to eke out measures of humanity from his rather linear characters.

Certainly, his satire is gentle enough and there is none of that abrasiveness found in contemporary satires of Jewish affluence. It is not until the third play that we are even given a picture of a full bodied Jew, that of the grandmother, Edna.

Here, Fineberg contrasts the hard-headedness of the old generation, which, despite the pogroms, hunger and hard times, has managed to retain a warmth and involvement, with the hard-heartedness of their children whose liberalism and psychology often mask detachment. It is a lovely subtlety captured nicely.

Any playwright who is able to stand back and observe with both sympathy and insight, and combine it with humor surely owes it to himself and future audiences to develop a better defined frame for his works.

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